SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Sir, what arrangements do the Government propose to make so that such overlapping may be avoided?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Special arrangements have been made. A separate question may be put.

Tuberculosis Sanatoria

* 227 *Q.*—SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of (i) Tuberculosis Sanatoria, and (ii) Tuberculosis Clinics both Government and private in the State as on 1st May 1962; and

(*b*) the number of patients admitted in these institutions during 1961–62?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM:

	Government.	*Private.*
(*a*) (i) Tuberculosis Sanatoria ..	**4**	**7**
(ii) Tuberculosis Clinics ..	**21**	**1**

(*b*) 210,571.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Is there any proposal to increase the number of beds in these hospitals?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Not at the moment, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Sir, are the private sanatoria aided by the Government?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Yes, Sir.

SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV: Are the Government aware of the large number of deaths due to tuberculosis for want of accommodation in hospital? Nearly four thousand people die every year.

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: The Government not unaware of it. But the trouble is that they are not able to get as many doctors as there are posts to be filled in the hospitals, particularly the tuberculosis hospitals.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Cannot non-specialists attend to these tuberculosis cases?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: No, Sir. There is a special course for doctors who are posted in these hospitals to treat tuberculosis patients. So, it is not possible to post non-specialist doctors to these hospitals.